SUBJECT NO. 349.

Accommodation for devotees on the Nandi Hill.

Mr. C. Narayanaswami Chetty, Chikballapur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) Two buildings, one just above the *Amrita Sarovar* and the other to the east of the temple which were useful to the pilgrims, have been taken possession of by Government and the pilgrims are experiencing a lot of inconvenience in the matter of accommodation. There is no objection to the buildings being utilized by visitors to the Hill, when not wanted by the pilgrims.

(2) The want of suitable accommodation in the Nandi village for the pilgrims is keenly felt and an estimate prepared for the improvement and adaptation of the *mantaps* attached to the temple for the purpose has not yet been sanctioned.

The Muzrai Superintendent stated that as the estimate was considered too costly, it was returned for further consideration, that it appeared to be sufficient for the present to make habitable one set of *mantaps* and that, if the estimate could be altered so as to cost not more than Rs. 5,000 or Rs. 6,000, there would be no objection to sanction it immediately.

Reply of Government.—(1) The buildings will be made available also to the pilgrims.

(2) The matter will be attended to.

SUBJECT NO. 350.

Establishment of a sub-treasury at Gudibanda.

Messrs. Kere Krishnappa, Gudibanda sub-taluk and Subba Rao, Kolar District Board.

Summary of discussion.—A sub-treasury may be established at Gudibanda.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration.

SUBJECT NO. 351.

Postal arrangement to Gudibanda.

Mr. Subba Rao, Kolar District Board.

Summary of discussion.—Arrangements may be made to have direct postal communication between Chikballapur and Gudibanda instead of *via* Chakarlapalli and Bagepalli to avoid the great delay involved in the present arrangement.

Reply of Government.—A reference will be made to the Postal Department.

SUBJECT NO. 352.

Reduction of railway cess.

Messrs. Venkatasami Gowda, Malur taluk, Krishnamurtiachar, Mulbagal taluk and Gurumurti Setti, Mulbagal Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Railway cess in the Kolar district is being levied at the rate of six pies per rupee, whereas in other districts it is levied at three pies per rupee. This cess may kindly be reduced to three pies.

Reply of Government.—Not feasible, as the six-pie railway cess is necessary at present.